



GEORGIA

Department of Purchasing

INVITATION TO BID

LINEN SERVICES

Bid # 05ITB42759YC

Fulton County Department of Human Services

Last Day to Submit Questions: March 21, 2005

Invitation to Bid Due Date: March 31, 2005 11:00 A.M.

LOCATION: FULTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PURCHASING
130 PEACHTREE STREET, S.W., SUITE 1168
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303

CONTACT: Al Micah Phillips, Purchasing Dept. at 404-730-4214

NO-BID VENDOR RESPONSE QUESTIONNAIRE

NOTE TO VENDOR:

PLEASE RESPOND TO THE ATTACHED BID, EVEN IF YOUR COMPANY'S RESPONSE IS A "**NO-BID**". COMPLETION OF THIS FORM IS NOT REQUIRED, IT IS OPTIONAL. WE ARE VERY INTERESTED IN ENSURING THAT OUR BIDS ARE NON-RESTRICTIVE AND THAT NO BIDDER IS ELIMINATED ARBITRARILY. IT IS THE COUNTY'S INTENT TO ABOLISH ANY AND ALL BARRIERS TO ITS' PROCUREMENT PROCESS WHICH PREVENTS INTERESTED AND QUALIFIED BIDDERS FROM PARTICIPATING.

SHOULD YOU RESPOND WITH A "**NO-BID**", PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY.

EXAMPLES ARE:

- (1) OUR COMPANY CANNOT MEET THESE SPECIFICATIONS BECAUSE YOU REQUIRE:
- (2) OUR COMPANY CANNOT COMPETITIVELY BID ON THIS PRODUCT OR SERVICE BECAUSE:
- (3) OTHER:

YOUR RESPONSE WILL BE GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AND INCLUDED IN THE BID FILE WITH OTHER VENDOR COMMENTS. IF IT APPEARS, FROM THE FEEDBACK RECEIVED, THAT THE SPECIFICATIONS ARE RESTRICTIVE YOUR INPUT WILL HELP THE COUNTY MAKE THE NECESSARY CHANGES SO THAT A GREATER NUMBER OF INTERESTED BIDDERS ARE INCLUDED. YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED, IT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

A. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Provide Linen Services to the Fulton County Human Services Department on an as needed, and when needed basis from the date of award through December 31, 2004.

An item in this request for quote have been identified, described or referenced by a brand name or trade name/mark intending to be descriptive, but not restrictive, and is to indicate the quality and characteristics of the products that may be offered. Products may be considered for award is such products are clearly identified in the quote and are determined the county's need in all respects.

Quantities shown are estimates. By giving these quantities as estimates, Fulton County does not obligate itself to purchase any quantity whatsoever. Respondent agrees to sell to the county at the unit price quoted regardless of actual quantity ordered.

Respondent shall list on a separate sheet of paper any variations from, or exceptions to, the conditions and specifications of this quote. This sheet shall be labeled "Exceptions to Quote Specifications", and shall be attached to the quote.

Services offered must be complete and shall include the basic requirements as listed below and any others which are included as standard in the industry. No obvious omissions shall be made even though the specifications may not detail or mention them.

Unit price shall include all labor, materials, packing, tagging, freight, and delivery/pickup (delivery/pickup twice a week, preferably late Tuesdays and Fridays) charges to the following locations:

H.G. Darnell Senior Multipurpose Facility
677 Fairburn Road
Atlanta, Georgia 30331
404-699-8580

H.J.C. Bowden Senior Multipurpose Facility
2885 Church Street
East Point, Georgia 30344
404-762-4821

Dorothy Benson Senior Multipurpose Facility
6500 Vernon Woods Drive
Sandy Springs, Georgia 30128
404-705-4900

Helene S. Mills Senior Multipurpose Facility
515 John Wesley Dobbs Drive
Atlanta, Georgia 30312
404-523-3353

Samples proof items may be requested so as to prove quality, and respondent shall provide samples within (5) working days of request.

Specifications:**1. Enhanced Napkins**Quantity Needed at One Time

Quantity	Item	Size	Color	Unit Price
500	Enhanced Napkins cotton/polyester blend	18 x 18	Cream	_____/ea.

Manufacturer/brand & style: _____

Weight (oz.) of napkins: ____/oz.

Percentage of cotton/polyester blend: ____% cotton ____% polyester

Unit replacement charge, if any \$_____ per _____

Environmental charge, if any \$_____ per _____

Hamper rental, if any, per week \$_____

2. Enhanced TableclothQuantity Needed at One Time

Quantity	Item	Size	Color	Unit Price
125	Enhanced Tablecloth cotton/polyester blend	54" square for 36' table (tables are 29-1/2' high)	White	_____/ea.

Manufacturer/brand & style: _____

Weight (oz.) of napkins: ____/oz.

Percentage of cotton/polyester blend ____% cotton ____% polyester

Unit replacement charge, if any \$_____ per _____

Environmental charge, if any \$_____ per _____

Hamper rental, if any, per week \$_____

3. Standard Bath TowelQuantity Needed at One Time

Quantity	Item	Size	Color	Unit Price
300	Standard Bath Towel 100% Cotton	20 x 38	White	_____/ea.

Manufacturer/brand & style: _____

Unit replacement charge, if any \$_____ per _____

Environmental charge, if any \$_____ per _____

Hamper rental, if any, per week \$_____

Additional Services Needed:

Jefferson Place Complex/Shelter
1135 Jefferson Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30318
Quantity Needed at One Time

Quantity	Item	Size	Color	Unit Price
1575	Bath Towel	22 x 44	White	/ea.
1575	Wash Cloths	20 x 20	White	/ea.
3150	Bed Sheets	66 x 115	White	/ea.
30	Bath Mats	10 x 30	White	/ea.

Jefferson Place Complex/Shelter
Quantity Needed at One Time

Quantity	Item	Size	Color	Unit Price
100 week	Apron/Bibs twill		White	/ea.
200 week	Dish Cloths	15 x 32	White	/ea.
40	Jackets	46	White	/ea.
20	Jackets	42	White	/ea.
20	Pants	34/32	Chek	/ea.
20	Pants	42/34	Chek	/ea.
20	Pants	46/36	Chek	/ea.

Harriett G. Darnell Senior Multipurpose Facility
677 Fairburn Road
Atlanta, Georgia 30318
Quantity Needed at One Time

Quantity	Item	Size	Color	Unit Price
125	Wash Cloths	20 x 20	White	/ea.
100	Hand Cloths	16 x 24	White	/ea.
200	Dish Cloths	15 x 32	White	/ea.
628	Bath Towel (Huck)	22 x 44	White	/ea.
158	Over Size Bath Towel	52 x 52	White	/ea.
100 week	Apron/Bib		White	/ea.
20	Jacket	48	Chek	/ea.
20	Jacket	50	Chek	/ea.
20	Jacket	46	Chek	/ea.
20	Jacket	44	Chek	/ea.
20	Pants	42/34	Chek	/ea.
20	Pants	42/30	Chek	/ea.
20	Pants	38/32	Chek	/ea.
20	Pants	40/32	Chek	/ea.

Dorothy Benson Senior Multipurpose Facility
6500 Vernon woods Drive

Sandy Springs, Georgia 30328Quantity Needed at One Time

Quantity	Item	Size	Color	Unit Price
120	Dish Cloths	15 x 32	White	/ea.
200	Bath Towel	22 x 44	White	/ea.
400	Bath Towel	20 x 40	White	/ea.
60	Apron/Bib		White	/ea.
40	Chef Jacket	44	White	/ea.
20	Chef Jacket	30	White	/ea.
20	Chef Jacket	54	White	/ea.
20	Pants	32/38	Chek	/ea.
20	Pants	38/30	Chek	/ea.
20	Pants	40/31	Chek	/ea.
20	Pants	44/30	Chek	/ea.

H.J.C. Bowden Multipurpose Facility
2885 Church Street
East Point, Georgia 30344

Quantity Needed at One Time

Quantity	Item	Size	Color	Unit Price
20	Jacket	52	White	/ea.
250	Bath Towel	22 x 44	White	/ea.

Helene S. Mills Senior Multipurpose Facility
515 John Wesley Dobbs Avenue, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30312

Quantity Needed at One Time

Quantity	Item	Size	Color	Unit Price
125	Wash Cloths	20 x 20	White	/ea.
100	Hand Cloths	16 x 24	White	/ea.
200	Dish Cloths	15 x 32	White	/ea.
628	Bath Towel (Huck)	22 x 44	White	/ea.
158	Over Size Bath Towel	52 x 52	White	/ea.
100 week	Apron/Bib		White	/ea.
20	Jacket	48	Chek	/ea.
20	Jacket	50	Chek	/ea.
20	Jacket	46	Chek	/ea.
20	Jacket	44	Chek	/ea.

20	Pants	42/34	Chek	/ea.
20	Pants	42/30	Chek	/ea.
20	Pants	38/32	Chek	/ea.
20	Pants	40/32	Chek	/ea.

Respondent can provide delivery within _____ minutes/hours/days after receipt of order.

Bidder agrees to accept with thirty (30) day written notification an additional delivery location upon completion of new facility during the calendar year 2004.

YES _____ NO _____

The contract resulting from this bid will be for use by the Human Services Department. Bidder agrees to offer the same terms and conditions indicated herein to any other department within Fulton County.

YES _____ NO _____

The successful bidder must submit invoices against the contract that contain 1) Part or item number, 2) Part or item description, 3) Manufacturer's name and suggested retail price and 4) Applicable discount.

Contractor shall submit invoices in a manner designated by the Fulton County Human Services Department. All such invoices shall be accompanied by supporting documentation and other back-up material such as shall be reasonably required by the County. In the event an invoice does not contain the information, it will be returned unpaid to the vendor.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The bidder shall list on a separate sheet of paper any variations from, or exceptions to, the conditions and specifications of this bid. This sheet shall be labeled "Exceptions to Bid Conditions", and shall be attached to bid.

Bid award will be made to the overall most responsive respondent. The quality of the articles to be supplied, their conformity with the specifications, the suitability to requirements, delivery terms, conditions and any guarantee clauses shall be taken into consideration.

Respondent must provide the following information:

COMPANY NAME: _____
 CONTACT PERSON: _____
 STREET ADDRESS: _____

 A/C AND TELEPHONE NO.: _____

Vendor shall submit an original and three (3) copies of bid package.

The last day of inquiries will be March 21, 2005. Only communications that are in writing and signed will be recognized by the County. All inquiries must include name of the proposal and the proposal RFP number. The County shall not be responsible for oral interpretations given by any County Employee, representative or others. The issuance of an addendum is the only official method whereby interpretation, clarification or additional information can be given.

FOR PROCEDURAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO PURCHASING MATTER,
PLEASE CONTACT AL MICAH PHILLIPS – PURCHASING DEPARTMENT,
(404) 730-4214.

ANY AWARD MADE AS A RESULT OF THIS QUOTE/BID SHALL BE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2005, EFFECTIVE FROM DATE OF AWARD THROUGH TWELVE (12) MONTH PERIOD. FULTON COUNTY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RENEW THIS CONTRACT FOR TWO (2) ADDITIONAL TWELVE (12) MONTH PERIODS (2007) PENDING AVAILABILITY OF DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATED FUNDING, AS WELL AS, CONTRACTOR COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY RULES AND POLICIES. OPTION YEAR PRICE INCREASES SHALL NOT EXCEED THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (C.P.I.) AS PUBLISHED BY THE BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS OF THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE AVERGAE SHOWN ON SUCH INDEX FOR “ALL ITEMS” FOR THE ATLANTA METROPOLITAN AREA.

NO PERSON, FIRM OR BUSINESS ENTITY, HOWEVER, SITUATED OR COMPOSED, OBTAINING A COPY OF/OR RESPONDING TO THIE SOLICITATION, SHALL INITIATE OR CONTINUE ANY VERBAL OR WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING THIS SOLICITATION WITH ANY COUNTY OFFICER, ELECTED OFFICIAL, EMPLOYEE, OR DESIGNATED COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE, BETWEEN THE DATE OF THE ISSUANCE OF THIS SOLICITATION AND THE DATE OF THE FINAL CONTRACT AWARD BY THE AUTHORIZED AND PERMITTED BY THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS SOLICITATION.

ALL VERBAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS INITIATED BY SUCH PERSON, FIRM OR ENTITY REGARDING THIS SOLICITATION, SAME ARE AUTHORIZED AND PERMITTED BY THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS SOLICITATION, SHALL BE DIRECTED TO THE PURCHASING AGENT.

ANY VIOLATION OF THIS PROHIBITION OF THE INITIATION OR CONTINUATION OF VERBAL OR WRITTEN COMMUNICATION WITH COUNTY OFFICERS, ELECTED

OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES OR DESIGNATED COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES; SHALL RESULT IN A WRITTEN FINDING BY THE PURCHASING AGENT THAT THE SUBMITTED BID OR PROPOSAL OF THE PERSON, FIRM OR ENTITY IN VIOLATIONS IS NOT RESPONSIVE AND SAME SHALL NOT THEREAFTER BE CONSIDERED FOR AWARD.

REMARKS OR EXCEPTIONS:

BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT HAS READ, UNDERSTANDS, AND AGREES TO COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE STATEMENTS AND THAT THE SIGNATURE BELOW IS THAT OF AN INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO SIGN CONTRACTS ON BEHALF OF THE BIDDING COMPANY.

COMPANY: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

NAME: _____ TITLE: _____ DATE: _____

State of _____)

)ss.

County of _____)

_____, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

- (1) He is _____
(owner, partner officer, representative, or agent) of _____,
the Bidder that has submitted the Bid;
- (2) He is fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of the bid and of all
pertinent circumstances respecting such bid;
- (3) Such Bid is genuine and is not a collusive of sham bid;
- (4) Neither the said Bidder nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives,
employees or parties in interest, including this affiant, has in any way colluded,
conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly with any other Bidder, firm or person
to submit a collusive or sham Bid in connection with the Contract for which the bid has
been submitted or refrain from bidding in connection with such Contract, or has in any
manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion or communication or
conference with any other Bidder, firm or person to fix the price or prices in the Bid or of
any other bidder, or to fix any overhead, profit or cost element of the bidding price or the
bidding price of any other bidder, or to secure through any collusion, conspiracy,
connivance or unlawful agreement any advantage against Fulton County or any person
interested in the proposed Contract; and
- (5) The price or prices in the bid are fair and proper and are not tainted by any collusion,
conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement on the part of the bidder or any of its
agents, representatives, owners, employees, or parties in interest, including this affiant.

(Signed) _____

Title

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this ____ day of _____, 200__.

Title

My commission expires _____
(Date)

State of _____)

)ss.

County of _____)

_____, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

- (1) He is _____
(owner, partner officer, representative, or agent)
of _____, hereinafter referred to as the "Subcontractor";
- (2) He is fully informed respecting the preparation and contents of the Bid submitted by the Subcontractor to _____, the Contractor for certain work connection with the _____ Contractor pertaining to the Project in Fulton County, Georgia.
- (3) Such Subcontractor's Bid is genuine and is not a collusive of sham Bid;
- (4) Neither the said Subcontractor nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees or parties in interest, including this affiant, has in any way colluded, conspired, connived or agreed, directly or indirectly with any other Bidder, firm or person to submit a collusive or sham Bid in connection with such Contract or to refrain from submitting a Bid in connection with such Contract or has in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by unlawful agreement or connivance with any other Bidder, firm or person to fix the price or prices in said Subcontractor's bid, or to secure through collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement any advantage against Fulton County or any person interested in the proposed Contract; and
- (5) The price or prices in the Subcontractor's Bid are fair and proper and are not tainted by any collusion, conspiracy, connivance or unlawful agreement on the part of the Bidder or any of its agents, representatives, owners, employees, or parties in interest, including this affiant.

(Signed) _____

Title

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this ____ day of _____ 200____.

Title

My commission expires _____

(Date)

CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE OF REQUEST FOR BID REQUIREMENTS

This is to certify that on this day, bidder acknowledges that he/she has read this bid document, pages #_____ to #_____ inclusive, including any addenda # _____ to # _____ exhibit(s) #____ to #____, attachment(s) #_____ to #_____, and/or appendices #_____ to #_____, in its entirety, and agrees that no pages or parts of the document have been omitted, that he/she understands, accepts and agrees to fully comply with the requirements therein, and that the undersigned is authorized by the proposing company to submit the bid herein and to legally obligate the bidder thereto.

Company:

Signature:

Name:

Title:_____ Date:

(CORPORATE SEAL)

LISTED BELOW ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL BIDDERS INTERESTED IN DOING BUSINESS WITH FULTON COUNTY:

1. THE BID SHEETS INCLUDED IN THIS INVITATION TO BID MUST BE FULLY COMPLETED AND RETURNED WITH THE BID UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN WRITING BY THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT. TYPE OR NEATLY PRINT THE DATE, COMPANY NAME, AND THE FULL LEGAL NAME AND TITLE OF THE PERSON(S) SIGNING THE BID IN THE PLACE PROVIDED AT THE BOTTOM OF EACH BID SHEET. ANY ADDITIONAL SHEETS SUBMITTED MUST CONTAIN THE SAME SIGNATURE AND BIDDER INFORMATION.
2. ORIGINAL SIGNATURE(S) MUST APPEAR ON EACH PAGE OF THE BID DOCUMENT. ALL SIGNATURES MUST BE EXECUTED BY PERSON(S) HAVING CONTRACTING AUTHORITY FOR THE BIDDER.
3. NO FAX BIDS OR REPRODUCTION BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED, EXCEPT THAT PHOTOCOPIES MAY BE SUBMITTED IN ADDITION TO THE ORIGINAL WHEN MULTIPLE COPIES OF THE BID ARE SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED IN THE INVITATION.
4. THE ENVELOPE IN WHICH THE BID RESPONSE IS SUBMITTED MUST BE SEALED AND MUST BE CLEARLY LABELED WITH THE BID NUMBER AND BID OPENING DATE AND TIME. THE PURCHASING AGENT HAS NO OBLIGATION TO CONSIDER BIDS WHICH ARE NOT IN PROPERLY MARKED ENVELOPES.
5. ALL BIDS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE FULTON COUNTY PURCHASING AND LAND DEPARTMENT AGENT, 130 PEACHTREE STREET, S.W., SUITE 1168, ATLANTA, GA 30303, BY THE DESIGNATED DATE AND TIME. NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR ANY REASON. BIDDER MAY CALL (404) 730-5800 FOR ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT PURCHASING PROCEDURES.
6. IF A BIDDER CHOOSES NOT TO RESPOND TO A BID REQUEST, BIDDER MUST RETURN A COPY OF THE BID REQUEST STATING ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE ENVELOPE "NO BID" AND INDICATING WHETHER THE BIDDER WISHES TO REMAIN ON FULTON COUNTY'S BIDDER LIST.
7. SHOW INFORMATION AND PRICES IN THE FORMAT REQUESTED. PRICES ARE TO BE QUOTED F.O.B. DESTINATION, AND MUST INCLUDE ALL COSTS CHARGEABLE TO THE CONTRACTOR IN EXECUTING THE CONTRACT, INCLUDING TAXES. UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THE CONTRACT, FULTON COUNTY SHALL HAVE NO LIABILITY FOR ANY COST NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE FULTON COUNTY THE BENEFIT THROUGH A REDUCTION IN PRICE OF ANY DECREASE IN THE CONTRACTOR'S COSTS BY REASON OF ANY TAX EXEMPTION BASED UPON FULTON COUNTY'S STATUS AS A TAX-EXEMPT ENTITY.
8. PRICES ARE TO BE QUOTED F.O.B. DESTINATION, UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN WRITING BY FULTON COUNTY.
9. ALL PRICES BID MUST BE AUDITED BY THE BIDDER TO ENSURE CORRECTNESS BEFORE BID IS SUBMITTED. THE BIDDER IS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACCURACY OF INFORMATION PLACED ON A BID SHEET, INCLUDING PRICES. CLERICAL OR MATHEMATICAL ERROR IS INSUFFICIENT TO VOID A SUCCESSFUL BID BUT A BIDDER MAY WITHDRAW A SEALED BID PRIOR TO OPENING WITHOUT A PENALTY.
10. ALL PRICES MUST BE SUBMITTED IN THE FORMAT REQUESTED AND LESS ALL TRADE DISCOUNTS. WHEN MULTIPLE ITEMS ARE BEING BID, BIDDER MUST SHOW BOTH THE UNIT PRICE AND THE TOTAL EXTENDED PRICE FOR EACH ITEM. WHEN

APPLICABLE, THE BIDDER MUST INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL TOTAL LUMP SUM BID FOR GROUPS OF ITEMS. IN THE EVENT BIDDER IS OFFERING AN ADDITIONAL DISCOUNT ON GROUPS OF ITEMS, BIDDER MUST INDICATE THE TOTAL LUMP SUM BID FOR THE PARTICULAR GROUP OF ITEMS BEFORE ANY EXTRA DISCOUNT, THE AMOUNT OF EXTRA DISCOUNT, AND THE NET TOTAL FOR THE PARTICULAR GROUP. IN THE EVENT OF AN EXTENSION ERROR, UNIT PRICING SHALL PREVAIL.

11. BY SUBMITTING A SIGNED BID, BIDDER AGREES TO ACCEPT AN AWARD MADE AS A RESULT OF THAT BID UNDER THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SPELLED OUT IN THE BID DOCUMENTS. IN THE EVENT OF A CONFLICT BETWEEN THE DIFFERENT BID DOCUMENTS, THE COUNTY'S COVER CONTRACT (IF USED) SHALL HAVE PRECEDENCE, FOLLOWED BY THE INVITATION TO BID, PURCHASE ORDER, BID, CONTRACTOR'S WARRANTY AGREEMENT, MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT, AND/OR OTHER CONTRACTOR-PROVIDED AGREEMENTS. A BIDDER MAY SUBMIT ONLY ONE BID RESPONSE FOR EACH SPECIFIC BID NUMBER UNLESS OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED IN THE SPECIFICATIONS.
12. ALL PRICES SUBMITTED BY THE BIDDER TO FULTON COUNTY MUST BE GUARANTEED BY THE AUTHORIZED PERSON(S) AGAINST ANY PRICE INCREASE FOR THE TIME PERIOD DESIGNATED IN THE BID SPECIFICATIONS, AND FULTON COUNTY MUST BE GIVEN THE BENEFIT OF ANY PRICE DECREASE OCCURRING DURING SUCH DESIGNATED TIME PERIOD.
13. ALL ITEMS BID MUST BE NEW. USED, REBUILT OR REFURBISHED ITEMS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED UNLESS SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED BY FULTON COUNTY IN THE WRITTEN SPECIFICATIONS.
14. ALL BIDDERS MUST SPECIFY IN THE BID RESPONSE THE EARLIEST ACTUAL DELIVERY DATE FOR EACH ITEM UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN WRITING BY FULTON COUNTY. THE DELIVERY DATE MAY BE A FACTOR IN DECIDING THE BIDDER'S CAPABILITY TO PERFORM.
15. A SUCCESSFUL BIDDER'S DELIVERY TICKET(S) AND INVOICE(S) MUST LIST EACH ITEM SEPARATELY AND MUST SHOW FULTON COUNTY'S PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER AS WELL AS THE PROPER DEPARTMENT AND ADDRESS TO WHICH DELIVERY WAS MADE, AS LISTED ON THE PURCHASE ORDER OR IN THE BIDDER'S CONTRACT WITH FULTON COUNTY.
16. UNLESS CLEARLY SHOWN AS "NO SUBSTITUTE" OR WORDS TO THAT EFFECT, ANY ITEMS IN THIS INVITATION TO BID WHICH HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED, DESCRIBED OR REFERENCED BY A BRAND NAME OR TRADE NAME ARE FOR REFERENCE ONLY. SUCH IDENTIFICATION IS INTENDED TO BE DESCRIPTIVE BUT NOT RESTRICTIVE, AND IS TO INDICATE THE GENERAL QUALITY AND CHARACTERISTICS OF PRODUCTS THAT MAY BE OFFERED. OTHER PRODUCTS WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR AWARD IF SUCH PRODUCTS ARE IDENTIFIED IN THE BID AND ARE DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY TO MEET ITS NEEDS. EACH ITEM BID MUST BE INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFIED AS TO WHETHER IT IS A SPECIFIED ITEM OR AN EQUIVALENT ITEM BY TYPING OR PRINTING AFTER THE ITEM(S): THE BRAND NAME; MODEL OR MANUFACTURER'S NUMBER; OR ANOTHER IDENTIFICATION REGULARLY USED IN THE TRADE. DEVIATIONS FROM THE SPECIFICATIONS MUST BE CLEARLY AND FULLY LISTED ON THE BID SHEET, INCLUDING PHOTOGRAPHS OR CUTS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND DIMENSIONS OF THE PROPOSED "ALTERNATE".
17. FOR ALL BIDS, FULTON COUNTY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REQUEST REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLES. IF REQUESTED, SAMPLES MUST BE DELIVERED AT THE BIDDER'S COST WITHIN THREE (3) BUSINESS DAYS. SAMPLES ARE SUBMITTED AT THE RISK OF THE BIDDER AND MAY BE SUBJECTED TO DESTRUCTIVE TESTS BY

FULTON COUNTY. SAMPLES OF EXPENDABLE ITEMS WILL NOT BE RETURNED TO THE BIDDERS. SAMPLES MUST BE PLAINLY TAGGED WITH FULTON COUNTY'S BID NUMBER, ITEM NAME, MANUFACTURER, AND THE NAME OF THE BIDDER.

18. FULTON COUNTY IS THE SOLE JUDGE OF "EXACT EQUIVALENT", OR "ALTERNATE". THE FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED ARE: FUNCTION, DESIGN, MATERIALS, CONSTRUCTION, WORKMANSHIP, FINISHES, OPERATING FEATURES, OVERALL QUALITY, LOCAL SERVICE FACILITIES, WARRANTY TERMS AND SERVICE, AND OTHER RELEVANT FEATURES OF ITEM(S) BID.
19. ITEM(S) BID MUST BE COMPLETE AND READY TO OPERATE. NO OBVIOUS OMISSIONS OF COMPONENTS OR NECESSARY PARTS SHALL BE MADE EVEN THOUGH THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY NOT DETAIL OR MENTION THEM. UNIT(S) MUST BE FURNISHED WITH FACTORY INSTALLED EQUIPMENT AND MUST BE COMPARABLE WITH THE BASIC FORM, FIT, AND FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS WHICH ARE ALL TO BE INCLUDED IN THE BASE PRICE AS WELL AS ANY OTHER EQUIPMENT INCLUDED AS STANDARD BY THE MANUFACTURER OR GENERALLY PROVIDED TO THE BUYING PUBLIC.
20. ALL SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL ITEM(S) DAMAGED PRIOR TO F.O.B. DESTINATION DELIVERY AND AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS FULTON COUNTY OF ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROSECUTING DAMAGE CLAIMS.
21. ALL SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR REPLACEMENT OF ALL DEFECTIVE OR DAMAGED GOODS WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF NOTICE BY FULTON COUNTY OF SUCH DEFECT OR DAMAGE.
22. ALL SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROVIDING OR ENSURING WARRANTY SERVICE ON ANY AND ALL ITEMS INCLUDING GOODS, MATERIALS, OR EQUIPMENT PROVIDED TO THE COUNTY WITH WARRANTY COVERAGE. IF A SUCCESSFUL BIDDER IS NOT THE MANUFACTURER, ALL MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTIES MUST BE PASSED THROUGH TO FULTON COUNTY. THE BIDDER AND NOT FULTON COUNTY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTACTING THE MANUFACTURER OR THE WARRANTY SERVICE PROVIDER DURING THE WARRANTY PERIOD AND SUPERVISING THE COMPLETION OF THE WARRANTY SERVICE TO THE SATISFACTION OF FULTON COUNTY.
23. A SUCCESSFUL BIDDER PROVIDING ANY EQUIPMENT WHICH REQUIRES FITTING AND ASSEMBLY SHALL BE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH INSTALLATION BEING PERFORMED BY A MANUFACTURER'S AUTHORIZED OR APPROVED SERVICER OR AN EXPERIENCED WORKER, UTILIZING WORKMANSHIP OF THE HIGHEST CALIBER. THE BIDDER MUST VERIFY ALL DIMENSIONS AT THE SITE, SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR CORRECTNESS, AND SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE AVAILABILITY OF REPLACEMENT PARTS WHEN SPECIFIED IN WRITING BY FULTON COUNTY IN THE SPECIFICATIONS, PURCHASE ORDER, OR OTHER CONTRACT.
24. A SUCCESSFUL BIDDER IS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR DISPOSING OF ALL WRAPPINGS, CRATING, AND OTHER DISPOSABLE MATERIAL UPON DELIVERY OF ITEM(S).
25. ALL BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO BE AUTHORIZED DISTRIBUTORS OR REGULARLY ENGAGED IN THE SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF THE TYPE OF GOODS, MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES FOR WHICH THE BIDDER IS SUBMITTING A BID RESPONSE. IN ADDITION, ALL BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE FULTON COUNTY WITH THREE(3) WRITTEN REFERENCES DOCUMENTING THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF BIDS OR CONTRACTS FOR THE TYPES OF ITEMS INCLUDING

GOODS, MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT, OR SERVICES FOR WHICH THE BIDDER IS SUBMITTING A BID RESPONSE. IN INSTANCES WHERE A BIDDER HAS NEVER SUPPLIED SUCH GOODS, MATERIAL, EQUIPMENT, OR SERVICES BEFORE, THE BIDDER MUST SUBMIT WITH THE BID RESPONSE A STATEMENT AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION DEMONSTRATING SUCH EXPERTISE, KNOWLEDGE, OR EXPERIENCE TO ESTABLISH THE BIDDER AS A RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, CAPABLE OF MEETING THE BID REQUIREMENTS SHOULD AN AWARD BE MADE. NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS PROVISION WILL BE MADE UNLESS AUTHORIZED IN THE BID SPECIFICATIONS.

26. BIDDERS MAY BE REQUIRED TO FURNISH EVIDENCE THAT THEY MAINTAIN PERMANENT PLACES OF BUSINESS OF A TYPE AND NATURE COMPATIBLE WITH THEIR BID PROPOSAL, AND ARE IN ALL RESPECTS COMPETENT AND ELIGIBLE VENDORS TO FULFILL THE TERMS OF THE SPECIFICATIONS. FULTON COUNTY MAY MAKE SUCH INVESTIGATIONS AS IT DEEMS NECESSARY TO DETERMINE THE ABILITY OF THE BIDDER TO PERFORM SUCH WORK, AND RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY BIDDER IF EVIDENCE FAILS TO INDICATE THAT THE BIDDER IS QUALIFIED TO CARRY OUT THE OBLIGATION OF THE CONTRACT AND TO COMPLETE THE WORK SATISFACTORILY.
27. ALL BIDDERS MUST COMPLY WITH ALL FULTON COUNTY PURCHASING LAWS, POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES, AND NONDISCRIMINATION IN CONTRACTING AND PROCUREMENT ORDINANCE, AND RELEVANT STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO COMPLIANCE WITH EEOC HIRING GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. SUCCESSFUL BIDDER MUST OBTAIN ALL PERMITS, LICENSES, AND INSPECTIONS AS REQUIRED AND FURNISH ALL LABOR, MATERIALS, INSURANCE, EQUIPMENT, TOOLS, SUPERVISION, AND INCIDENTALS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE WORK IN THESE SPECIFICATIONS.
28. A SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WHO IS UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FULTON COUNTY SUBSEQUENT TO BEING GRANTED AN AWARD, OR WHO FAILS TO PERFORM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BID SPECIFICATIONS WILL BE SUBJECT TO DAMAGES AND ALL OTHER RELIEF ALLOWED BY LAW.
29. SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS CONTRACT DIRECTLY WITH FULTON COUNTY AND ARE THE PARTY OR PARTIES OBLIGATED TO PERFORM. CONTRACTS MAY NOT BE ASSIGNED AND ANY FAILURE TO PERFORM THE CONTRACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPECIFICATIONS WILL CONSTITUTE A BREACH OF CONTRACT AND MAY RESULT IN A BIDDER BEING FOUND TO BE "NOT RESPONSIBLE" IN THE FUTURE.
30. IN CASE OF DEFAULT BY THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER, FULTON COUNTY MAY PROCURE THE ARTICLES FOR SERVICES FROM ANOTHER SOURCE AND HOLD THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY RESULTING EXCESS COST.
31. THE COUNTY MAY AWARD ANY BID IN WHOLE OR IN PART TO ONE OR MORE VENDORS OR REJECT ALL BIDS AND/OR WAIVE ANY TECHNICALITIES IF IT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE COUNTY TO DO SO. IN THE EVENT THAT ALL BIDS ARE NOT REJECTED, BIDS FOR ITEMS INCLUDING GOODS, MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT, AND SERVICES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE LOWEST "RESPONSIBLE" BIDDER(S) AS DETERMINED BY FULTON COUNTY. SUBMITTING THE LOWEST BID, AS PUBLISHED AT THE BID OPENING, DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN AWARD NOR THE MUTUAL EXPECTATION OF AN AWARD OF A CONTRACT OR PURCHASE ORDER. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS NOTICE AND THE ATTACHED BID SHEETS, A PURCHASE ORDER IS A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE ITEMS INCLUDING GOODS, MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT, AND SERVICES AND IS INTENDED TO HAVE THE FULL FORCE AND EFFECT OF A

CONTRACT. A BREACH OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A PURCHASE ORDER CONSTITUTES A BREACH OF CONTRACT.

32. EVALUATION OF BIDS - ANY AWARD WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE BID BEING:
 - A. COMPLIANT TO THE SPECIFICATION - MEETS FORM, FIT, AND FUNCTION REQUIREMENTS STATED OR IMPLIED IN THE SPECIFICATION.
 - B. LOWEST COST TO THE COUNTY OVER PROJECTED USEFUL LIFE.
 - C. ADMINISTRATIVELY COMPLIANT - INCLUDING ALL REQUIRED BONDS, INSURANCE, ESTABLISHED QUALITY OF WORK AND GENERAL REPUTATION, FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, RELEVANT EXPERIENCE, AND RELATED CRITERIA.
33. ALL PROPOSALS AND BIDS SUBMITTED TO FULTON COUNTY ARE SUBJECT TO THE GEORGIA "OPEN RECORDS ACT", O.C.G.A. 50-18-70 ET SEQ.
34. ALL PROPOSALS AND BIDS SUBMITTED TO FULTON COUNTY INVOLVING UTILITY CONTRACTING ARE SUBJECT TO THE GEORGIA LAW GOVERNING LICENSING OF UTILITY CONTRACTORS AND BID OPENING PROCEDURES, O.C.G.A. 43-14-8.2(H).
35. SILENCE OF SPECIFICATIONS - THE APPARENT SILENCE OF THIS SPECIFICATION, AND ANY SUPPLEMENT THERETO, AS TO DETAILS, OR THE OMISSION FROM IT OF A DETAILED DESCRIPTION CONCERNING ANY POINT, WILL BE REGARDED AS MEANING ONLY THE BEST COMMERCIAL PRACTICES ARE TO PREVAIL. ONLY MATERIALS OF THE HIGHEST QUALITY, CORRECT TYPE, SIZE, AND DESIGN ARE TO BE USED. ALL INTERPRETATIONS OF THIS SPECIFICATION WILL BE MADE UPON THE BASIS OF THIS STATEMENT, WITH FULTON COUNTY INTERPRETATION TO PREVAIL.
36. NO PERSON, FIRM, OR BUSINESS ENTITY, HOWEVER SITUATED OR COMPOSED, OBTAINING A COPY OF OR RESPONDING TO THIS SOLICITATION, SHALL INITIATED OR CONTINUE ANY VERBAL OR WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING THIS SOLICITATION WITH ANY COUNTY OFFICER, ELECTED OFFICIAL, EMPLOYEE, OR DESIGNATED COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE, BETWEEN THE DATE OF THE ISSUANCE OF THIS SOLICITATION AND THE DATE OF THE FINAL CONTRACT AWARD BY THE AUTHORIZED AND PERMITTED BY THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS SOLICITATION.
37. ALL VERBAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS INITIATED BY SUCH PERSON, FIRM, OR ENTITY REGARDING THIS SOLICITATION, IF SAME ARE AUTHORIZED AND PERMITTED BY THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS SOLICITATION, SHALL BE DIRECTED TO THE PURCHASING AGENT.
38. ANY VIOLATION OF THIS PROHIBITION OF THE INITIATION OR CONTINUATION OF VERBAL OR WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS WITH COUNTY OFFICERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES, OR DESIGNATED COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES SHALL RESULT IN A WRITTEN FINDING BY THE PURCHASING AGENT THAT THE SUBMITTED BID OR PROPOSAL OF THE PERSON, FIRM, OR ENTITY IN VIOLATION IS NOT RESPONSIVE, AND SAME SHALL NOT THEREAFTER BE CONSIDERED FOR AWARD.
39. ANY OFFEROR INTENDING TO RESPOND TO THIS SOLICITATION AS A JOINT VENTURE MUST SUBMIT AN EXECUTED JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT WITH THIS OFFER. THIS AGREEMENT MUST DESIGNATE THOSE PERSONS OR ENTITIES AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS OR OTHERWISE BIND THE JOINT VENTURE IN ALL TRANSACTIONS WITH FULTON COUNTY, OR BE ACCOMPANIED BY A DOCUMENT, BINDING UPON THE JOINT VENTURE AND ITS CONSISTENT MEMBERS, MAKING SUCH DESIGNATION. OFFERS FROM JOINT VENTURES THAT DO NOT INCLUDE THESE DOCUMENTS WILL BE REJECTED AS BEING NON-RESPONSIVE.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT

- (1) THE BIDDER CERTIFIES, BY SUBMISSION OF THIS BID OR PROPOSAL THAT NEITHER IT OR ITS SUBCONTRACTORS IS PRESENTLY DEBARRED, SUSPENDED, PROPOSED FOR DEBARMENT, DECLARED INELIGIBLE, OR VOLUNTARILY EXCLUDED FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE TRANSACTION BY THE FULTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

- (2) WHERE THE VENDOR IS UNABLE TO CERTIFY TO ANY OF THE STATEMENTS IN THIS CERTIFICATION, SUCH VENDOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR SHALL ATTACH AN EXPLANATION TO THIS BID OR PROPOSAL.

SIGNATURE

DATE

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CERTIFICATION

- (1) BY SIGNING AND SUBMITTING THIS PROPOSAL, THE BIDDER IS PROVIDING THE CERTIFICATION SET OUT BELOW.
- (2) THE CERTIFICATION IN THIS CLAUSE IS A MATERIAL REPRESENTATION OF FACT UPON WHICH RELIANCE WILL BE HEREIN PLACED IN AWARDED A CONTRACT. IF IT IS LATER DETERMINED THAT THE PROSPECTIVE VENDOR KNOWINGLY RENDERED AN ERRONEOUS CERTIFICATION, IN ADDITION TO OTHER REMEDIES AVAILABLE TO FULTON COUNTY, THE DEPARTMENT WITH WHICH THE TRANSACTION ORIGINATED MAY PURSUE AVAILABLE REMEDIES, INCLUDING SUSPENSION AND/OR DEBARMENT, FOR WITHDRAWAL OF AWARD OR TERMINATION OF A CONTRACT.
- (3) THE BIDDER SHALL PROVIDE IMMEDIATE WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE PURCHASING AGENT TO WHOM THIS BID/PROPOSAL IS SUBMITTED IF AT ANYTIME THE BIDDER LEARNS THAT ITS CERTIFICATION WAS ERRONEOUS WHEN SUBMITTED OR HAS BECOME ERRONEOUS BY REASON OF CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES.

(FC CODE SEC. 2-322. DEBARMENT). (A) AUTHORITY TO SUSPEND. AFTER REASONABLE NOTICE TO THE ENTITY INVOLVED AND REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR THAT ENTITY TO BE HEARD, THE PURCHASING AGENT, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH USER DEPARTMENT, THE COUNTY MANAGER AND THE COUNTY ATTORNEY SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO SUSPEND AN ENTITY FOR CAUSE FROM CONSIDERATION FOR AWARD OF COUNTY CONTRACTS. AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE TERM ENTITY MEANS ANY BUSINESS ENTITY, INDIVIDUAL, FIRM, CONTRACTOR, SUBCONTRACTOR OR BUSINESS CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY CORPORATION, OR JOINT VENTURE, HOWEVER DESIGNATED OR STRUCTURED; PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT ANY SUCH ENTITY SHALL ALSO BE SUBJECT TO SUSPENSION UNDER THIS SECTION IF ANY OF ITS CONSTITUENTS, MEMBERS, SUBCONTRACTORS AT ANY TIER OF SUCH ENTITY'S CONSTITUENTS OR MEMBERS, IS FOUND TO HAVE COMMITTED ANY ACT CONSTITUTING A CAUSE FOR SUSPENSION AND THE ENTITY, OR ANY CONSTITUENT OR MEMBER, KNEW OR SHOULD HAVE KNOWN OF THE COMMISSION OF THE ACT. THE SUSPENSION SHALL BE FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED THREE YEARS UNLESS CAUSE IS BASED ON A FELONY CONVICTION FOR AN OFFENSE RELATED OR ASSOCIATED WITH FRAUDULENT CONTRACTING OR MISAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS WHEREIN THE SUSPENSION SHALL NOT EXCEED SEVEN YEARS.

(B) CAUSES FOR SUSPENSION. THE CAUSES FOR SUSPENSION INCLUDE:

- (1) CONVICTION FOR COMMISSION OF A CRIMINAL OFFENSE AS AN INCIDENT TO OBTAIN OR

ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE CONTRACT OR SUB-CONTRACT, OR IN PERFORMANCE OF SUCH CONTRACT OR SUB-CONTRACT;

(2) CONVICTION OF STATE OR FEDERAL STATUTES OF EMBEZZLEMENT, THEFT, FORGERY, BRIBERY, FALSIFICATION OR DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS, RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY OR OTHER OFFENSE INDICATING A LACK OF BUSINESS INTEGRITY OR BUSINESS HONESTY WHICH CURRENTLY, SERIOUSLY AND DIRECTLY AFFECTS RESPONSIBILITY AS A COUNTY CONTRACTOR;

(3) CONVICTION OF STATE OR FEDERAL ANTI-TRUST STATUTES ARISING OUT OF THE SOLICITATION AND SUBMISSION OF BIDS AND PROPOSALS;

(4) VIOLATION OF CONTRACT PROVISIONS, AS SET FORTH BELOW, OF A CHARACTER WHICH IS REGARDED BY THE PURCHASING AGENT TO BE SO SERIOUS AS TO JUSTIFY SUSPENSION ACTION;

A. FAILURE TO PERFORM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPECIFICATIONS WITHIN A TIME LIMIT PROVIDED IN A COUNTY CONTRACT;

B. A RECENT RECORD OF FAILURE TO PERFORM OR UNSATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF ONE OR MORE CONTRACTS; PROVIDED, THAT FAILURE TO PERFORM OR UNSATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE CAUSED BY ACTS BEYOND THE CONTROL OF THE CONTRACTOR SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED TO BE BASIS FOR SUSPENSION;

C. MATERIAL MISREPRESENTATION OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE OWNERSHIP OR WORKFORCE OR BUSINESS ENTITY CERTIFIED TO THE COUNTY AS A MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE; OR

D. FALSIFICATION OF ANY DOCUMENTS.

(5) COMMISSION OR SOLICITATION OF ANY ACT THAT WOULD CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS SET FORTH IN FULTON COUNTY CODE OF ETHICS.

(6) KNOWING MISREPRESENTATION TO THE COUNTY, OF THE USE WHICH A MAJORITY OWNED CONTRACTOR INTENDS TO MAKE A MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (A BUSINESS ENTITY AT LEAST 51 PERCENT OF WHICH IS OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY MINORITY PERSONS, AS DEFINED IN FULTON COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE B, MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM AND CERTIFIED AS SUCH BY THE COUNTY), AS A SUB-CONTRACTOR OR A JOINT VENTURE PARTNER, IN PERFORMING WORK UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY.

NON-DISCRIMINATION IN CONTRACTING AND PROCUREMENT

Policy Statement: It is the policy of Fulton County Government that discrimination against businesses by reason of the race, color, gender or national origin of the ownership of any such business is prohibited. Furthermore, it is the policy of the Board of Commissioners that Fulton County Government and all vendors and contractors doing business with Fulton County shall provide to all businesses the opportunity to participate in contracting and procurement paid, in

whole or in part, with monetary appropriations of the Board without regard to the race, color, gender or national origin of the ownership of any such business. Similarly, it is the policy of Fulton County Government that the contracting and procurement practices of Fulton County Government should not implicate Fulton County as either an active or passive participant in the discriminatory practices engaged in by private contractors or vendors who seek to obtain contracts with Fulton County.

Equal Business Opportunity Plan (EBO Plan): In addition to the proposal submission requirements, each vendor **must** submit an Equal Business Opportunity Plan (EBO Plan) with the bid. The respondent **must** outline a plan of action to encourage and achieve diversity and equality in the available procurement and contracting opportunities with this solicitation. The Plan should be designed to enhance the utilization of racial, gender or ethnic groups.

The Plan **must** identify and include:

1. Potential opportunities within the scope of work of this solicitation that will be afforded to racial, gender or ethnic groups for participation in the solicitation.
2. Efforts that will be identified to encourage and solicit minority and female businesses for opportunities within this solicitation.

Fulton County encourages joint ventures, teaming, partnering and mentor-protégé relationships with minority and female businesses in an effort to achieve contracting and procurement diversity.

Prompt Payment: The prime contractor **must** certify in writing and **must** document on the Department of Contract Compliance's Exhibit G Form (Prime Contractor/Subcontractor Utilization Report) that all subcontractors, sub-consultants and suppliers have been promptly paid for work and materials and previous progress payments received (less any retainage by the prime contractor prior to receipt of any further progress payments). In the event the prime contractor is unable to pay subcontractors, sub-consultants or suppliers until receipt of a payment from Fulton County, the prime contractor shall pay funds due from said progress payments within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt of payment from Fulton County and in no event later than fifteen (15) days as provided for by state law.

COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES:

In order to be compliant with the intent and provisions of the Non-Discrimination Ordinance providing for non-discrimination in purchasing and contracting in Fulton County, **bidders must**

submit the following completed documents. Failure to provide this information shall result in the Bid being deemed non-responsive:

- < Promise of Non-Discrimination (Exhibit A)
- < Employment Report (Exhibit B)
- < Schedule of Intended Subcontractor Utilization (Exhibit C)
- < Letter of Intent to Perform As a Subcontractor or Provide Materials or Services (Exhibit D)
- < Declaration Regarding Subcontractor Practices (Exhibit E), if applicable
- < Joint Venture Disclosure Affidavit (Exhibit F), if applicable
- < **Equal Business Opportunity Plan (EBO Plan)**

The following document **must** be completed as instructed if awarded the bid:

- < Prime Contractor's Subcontractor Utilization Report (Exhibit G)

EXHIBIT A – PROMISE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

"Know all persons by these presents, that I/WE (_____),
Name

(_____)
Title Firm Name

Hereinafter "Company"), in consideration of the privilege to bid on or obtain contracts funded, in whole or in part, by Fulton County, hereby consent, covenant and agree as follows:

- 1) No person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefit of, or otherwise discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin or gender in connection with any bid submitted to Fulton County for the performance of any resulting therefrom,

- 2) That it is and shall be the policy of this Company to provide equal opportunity to all businesses seeking to contract or otherwise interested in contracting with this Company without regard to the race, color, gender or national origin of the ownership of this business,
- 3) That the promises of non-discrimination as made and set forth herein shall be continuing in nature and shall remain in full force and effect without interruption,
- 4) That the promise of non-discrimination as made and set forth herein shall be made a part of, and incorporated by reference into, any contract or portion thereof which this Company may hereafter obtain,
- 5) That the failure of this Company to satisfactorily discharge any of the promises of non-discrimination as made and set forth herein shall constitute a material breach of contract entitling the Board to declare the contract in default and to exercise any and all applicable rights and remedies, including but not limited to cancellation of the contract, termination of the contract, suspension and debarment from future contracting opportunities, and withholding and/or forfeiture of compensation due and owing on a contract; and
- 6) That the bidder shall provide such information as may be required by the Director of Contract Compliance pursuant to Section 4.4 of the Fulton County Non-Discrimination in Purchasing and Contracting Ordinance.

SIGNATURE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

EXHIBIT B – EMPLOYMENT REPORT

The demographic employment make-up for the bidder must be identified and submitted with this bid. In addition, if subcontractors will be utilized by the bidder to complete this project, then the demographic employment make-up of the subcontractor(s) must be identified and submitted with this bid.

EMPLOYEES

CATEGORY	NATIVE INDIAN		AFRICAN AMERICAN		ASIAN AMERICAN		HISPANIC AMERICAN		CACUSIAN AMERICAN		OTHER	
Male/Female	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Mgmt/Official												
Professional (Arch., P.E., etc.)												
Supervisors												
Office/Sales Clerical												
Craftsmen												
Laborers												
Others (Specify)												
TOTALS												

FIRM'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

This completed form is for (Check one) _____ Bidder _____ Subcontractor

Date Completed: _____

EXHIBIT C – SCHEDULE OF INTENDED SUBCONTRACTOR UTILIZATION

If the bidder intends to subcontract any portion of this scope of work/service(s), this form **must be** completed and **submitted with the bid**. All prime bidders **must** include Letter(s) of Intent (Exhibit D) in the bid document for all subcontractors who will be utilized under the scope of work/services.

PRIME BIDDER: _____

ITB/RFP NUMBER: _____

Project Name or Description of Work/Service(s)_____

1. My firm, as Prime Bidder on this scope of work/service(s) is____is not__a minority or female owned and controlled business. (Please indicate below the portion of work, including, percentage of bid amount that your firm will carry out directly):

If the Prime Bidder is a Joint Venture, please complete Exhibit F: Joint Venture Disclosure Affidavit.

2. Sub-Contractors (Including suppliers) to be utilized in the performance of t his scope of work/service(s), if awarded, are:

SUBCONTRACTOR NAME:_____

ADDRESS:_____

PHONE:_____

CONTACT PERSON:_____

ETHNIC GROUP*:_____COUNTY CERTIFIED**_____

WORK TO BE PERFORMED:_____

DOLLAR VALUE OF WORK: \$_____ PERCENTAGE VALUE:_____%

***Ethnic Groups: African American (AABE); Asian American (ABE); Hispanic American (HBE); Native American (NABE); White Female American (WFBE); **If yes, attach copy of recent certification letter.**

EXHIBIT C – SCHEDULE OF INTENDED SUBCONTRACTOR UTILIZATION

SUBCONTRACTOR NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____
ETHNIC GROUP*: _____ COUNTY CERTIFIED** _____
WORK TO BE PERFORMED: _____

DOLLAR VALUE OF WORK: \$ _____ PERCENTAGE VALUE: _____ %

SUBCONTRACTOR NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____
ETHNIC GROUP*: _____ COUNTY CERTIFIED** _____
WORK TO BE PERFORMED: _____

DOLLAR VALUE OF WORK: \$ _____ PERCENTAGE VALUE: _____ %

SUBCONTRACTOR NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____
ETHNIC GROUP*: _____ COUNTY CERTIFIED** _____
WORK TO BE PERFORMED: _____

DOLLAR VALUE OF WORK: \$ _____ PERCENTAGE VALUE: _____ %

SUBCONTRACTOR NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____

ETHNIC GROUP*: _____ COUNTY CERTIFIED** _____
WORK TO BE PERFORMED: _____

DOLLAR VALUE OF WORK: \$ _____ PERCENTAGE VALUE: _____ %

***Ethnic Groups: African American (AABE); Asian American (ABE); Hispanic American (HBE); Native American (NABE); White Female American (WFBE); **If yes, attach copy of recent certification letter.**

EXHIBIT C – SCHEDULE OF INTENDED SUBCONTRACTOR UTILIZATION

Total Dollar Value of Small Business Enterprise Agreements: (\$)

Total Percentage Value: (%)

CERTIFICATION: The undersigned certifies that he/she has read, understands and agrees to be bound by the Bid provisions, including the accompanying Exhibits and other terms and conditions regarding sub-contractor utilization. The undersigned further certifies that he/she is legally authorized by the Bidder to make the statement and representation in this Exhibit and that said statements and representations are true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge and belief. The undersigned understands and agrees that if any of the statements and representations are made by the Bidder knowing them to be false, or if there is a failure of the intentions, objectives and commitments set forth herein without prior approval of the Owner, then in any such event the Contractor's acts or failure to act, as the case may be, shall constitute a material breach of the contract, entitling the Owner to terminate the Contract for default. The right to so terminate shall be in addition to, and in lieu of, any other rights and remedies the Owner may have for other defaults under the contract.

Signature/Title:_____

Firm or Corporate Name:_____

Address:_____

Telephone: ()_____

Fax Number: ()_____

Email Address:_____

EXHIBIT D

**LETTER OF INTENT TO PERFORM AS A SUBCONTRACTOR
OR
PROVIDE MATERIALS OR SERVICES**

This form **must** be completed by **ALL** known subcontractors/suppliers and submitted with the bid. The Prime Contractor **must** submit Letters of Intent for ALL known subcontractors/suppliers at time of bid submission.

To: _____
(Name of Prime Contractor Firm)

From: _____
(Name of Subcontractor Firm)

ITB/RFP Number _____
Project Name _____

The undersigned is prepared to perform the following described work or provide materials or services in connection with the above project (specify in detail particular work items, materials, or services to be performed or provided):

Description of Work	Project Commence Date	Project Completion Date	Estimated Dollar Amount

(Prime Bidder)

(Subcontractor)

Signature _____

Signature _____

Title _____

Title _____

Date _____

Date _____

EXHIBIT E – DECLARATION REGARDING SUBCONTRACTING PRACTICES

If the bidder **does not intend to subcontract** any portion of the scope of work services(s), this form **must be** completed and submitted with the bid.

_____ hereby declares that it is
my/our intent to
(Bidder)

perform 100% of the work required for _____
(ITB/RFP Number)

(Description of Work)

In making this declaration, the bidder states the following:

1. That the bidder does not customarily subcontract elements of this type project, and normally performs and has the capability to perform and will perform **all elements** of the work on this project with his/her own current work forces;
2. If it should become necessary to subcontract some portion of the work at a later date, the bidder will comply with all requirements of the County's Non-Discrimination Ordinance in providing equal opportunities to all firms to subcontract the work. The determination to subcontract some portion of the work at a later date shall be made in good faith and the County reserves the right to require additional information to substantiate a bidder's decision to subcontract work following the award of the contract. Nothing contained in this provision shall be employed to circumvent the spirit and intent of the County's Non-Discrimination Ordinances;
3. The bidder will provide, upon request, information sufficient for the County to verify Item Number one.

AUTHORIZED COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE

Name: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Firm: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Email Address: _____

EXHIBIT F – JOINT VENTURE DISCLOSURE AFFIDAVIT**RFP No.** _____**Project Name** _____

This form must be completed and submitted with the bid if a Joint Venture approach is to be undertaken.

The firms listed below do hereby declare that they have entered into a joint venture agreement pursuant to the above mentioned project. The information requested below is to clearly identify and explain the extent of participation of each firm in the proposed joint venture. All items must be properly addressed before the business entity can be evaluated.

1. Firms:

1) Name of Business: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

County: _____

Nature of Business: _____

2) Name of Business: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

County: _____

Nature of Business: _____

3) Name of Business: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

County: _____

Nature of Business: _____

NAME OF JOINT VENTURE (If applicable): _____

PRINCIPAL OFFICE ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

OFFICE PHONE: _____

EXHIBIT F – JOINT VENTURE DISCLOSURE AFFIDAVIT

Note: Attach additional sheets as required

1. Describe the capital contributions by each joint venturer and accounting thereof. Indicate the percentage make-up for each joint venture partner.
2. Describe the financial controls of the joint venture, e.g., will a separate cost center be established? Which venturer will be responsible for keeping the books? How will the expense therefore be reimbursed? What is the authority of each joint venture to commit or obligate the order?
3. Describe any ownership, options for ownership, or loans between the joint ventures. Identify terms thereof.
4. Describe the estimate contract cash flow for each joint venturer.
5. To what extent and by whom will the on-site work be supervised?
6. To what extent and by whom will the administrative office be supervised?
7. Which joint venturer will be responsible for material purchases including the estimated cost thereof? How will the purchase be financed?
8. Which joint venturer will provide equipment? What is the estimated cost thereof? How will the equipment be financed?
9. Describe the experience and business qualifications of each joint venturer.
10. Submit a copy of all joint venture agreements and evidence of authority to do business in the State of Georgia as well as locally, to include all necessary business licenses.
11. Percent of ownership by each joint venture in terms of profit and loss sharing: _____

12. The authority of each joint venturer to commit or obligate the other: _____

EXHIBIT F – JOINT VENTURE DISCLOSURE AFFIDAVIT

13. Number of personnel to be involved in project, their crafts and positions and whether they are employees of the small business enterprise, the majority firm or the joint venture: _____

14. Identification of control and participation in venture; list those individuals who are responsible for day-to-day management and policy decision-maker, including, but not limited to, those with prime responsibility for areas designated below; (use additional sheets if necessary)

<u>Name</u> <u>Operation</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Financial</u> <u>Decisions</u>	<u>Supervision</u> <u>Field</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

In connection with any work that these firms, as a joint venture, might be authorized to perform in connection with above captioned contract, we each do hereby authorize representatives of the Fulton County Department of Contract Compliance, Departments of Purchasing and Finance, under the direction of the County Manger's Office, to examine, from time to time, the books, records and files to the extent that such relate to this County project.

WE DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE AND AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE CONTENTS OF THE FOREGOING DOCUMENT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT, AND THAT WE ARE AUTHORIZED, ON BEHALF OF THE AVOVE FIRMS, TO MAKE THIS AFFIDAVIT AND GRANT THE ABOVE PRIVILEGE.

FOR: _____
(Company)

Date: _____
(Signature of Affiant)

(Printed Name)

(Company)
Date: _____
(Signature of Affiant)

(Printed Name)

(Company)
Date: _____
(Signature of Affiant)

(Printed Name)

EXHIBIT F – JOINT VENURE DISCLOSURE AFFIDAVIT

State of _____:

County of _____:

On this day of _____, 20_____, before me, appeared _____,

_____, the
aforementioned officers, personally appeared known to me to be an authorized company
representative described in the foregoing Affidavit and acknowledge that he (she) executed the
same in the capacity therein stated and for the purpose therein contained.

Notary Public

(Notary Seal)

Signature

Commission Expires

EXHIBIT G – PRIME CONTRACTOR/SUBCONTRACTOR UTILIZATION REPORT

This report is required to be submitted by the tenth day of each month, with a copy of your payment invoice (schedule of values/payment application) to Contract Compliance. Failure to comply may result in the County commencing proceedings to impose sanctions on the successful bidder, in addition to purchasing any other available legal remedy. Sanctions may include the suspending of any payment or part thereof, termination or cancellation of the contract, and the denial to participate in any future contracts awarded by Fulton County.

REPORTING PERIOD		PROJECT NAME:	
FROM:		PROJECT NUMBER:	
TO:		PROJECT LOCATION:	

PRIME CONTRACTOR		Contract Award Date	Contract Award Amount	Change Order Amount	Contract Period	% Complete to Date
Name:						
Address:						
Telephone #:						

AMOUNT OF REQUISITION THIS PERIOD:\$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUISITION TO DATE:\$ _____

SUBCONTRACTOR UTILIZATION (add additional rows as necessary)

Name of Sub-contractor	Description of Work	Contract Amount	Amount Paid To Date	Amount Requisition This Period	Contract Period Starting Date Ending Date	
TOTALS						

Executed By: _____
(Signature)

(Printed Name)